

**SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR BRINGING THIRD-PARTY SERVICES INTO
INSTANT MESSENGING SESSION**

ABSTRACT

5 The invention provides a framework that allows a number of software application
agents to be stacked on top of an instant messenger application. Each of the
software application agents establishes a connection with a third-party Web service
on the Internet or a local application in the user's computer. The user can share one
or more third-party services or applications with other user(s) in an instant
10 messaging session through the application agents.